

# Memorandum

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Subject : MID ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION – RIPON (03-SPPE-1)  
1<sup>st</sup> STATUS REPORT

On May 21, 2003, the Committee issued a Scheduling Order in the MID Ripon proceeding. Since that order was issued, staff has worked with applicant and other agencies to attempt to meet the scheduling requirements. The Issues Identification Report originally identified only Air Quality and Aesthetics as major issues. Aesthetics has been resolved. During the discovery period the issues of Soil & Water and Transmission Systems Engineering have been identified as additional issue areas. There are three subject areas with unresolved issues in this proceeding; Air Quality, Soils & Water and Transmission Systems Engineering.

The applicant filed Data Responses on June 5, 2003. Some of the Air Quality and Transmission Systems Engineering responses were considered incomplete and / or non-responsive. All other data responses were either responsive or resolved at the Data Response workshop held June 13, 2002, in Modesto. The applicant has committed to submit the revised or clarified responses for all issues by June 24, 2003.

The applicant had originally proposed to submit a Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) amendment to the project the week of June 9, 2003, for staff review and analysis. The Applicant now proposes to submit the ZLD Amendment on or about June 24, 2003.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) issued a "Notice of Incomplete Applications," May 14, 2003. Staff was not informed of the District's findings until it was received from the Air District on June 10, 2003. The applicant submitted a response to the Air District and Commission Air Quality staff on June 13, 2003.

Commission staff has determined that based on the delayed submissions of Data Responses, the ZLD Amendment and the response to the Air District, we estimate a schedule delay of three to four weeks is necessary. Staff was scheduled to issue its Draft Initial Study during the period July 2 through 14, based on timely filings by the applicant. The applicant will be three weeks behind schedule if the final documents are submitted as proposed. If the various documents are provided as discussed above, and the ZLD Amendment requires no discovery, the earliest that staff would be able to issue a Draft Initial Study is July 30, 2003.